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ICC to Discuss National Energy Prices and Electricity Rates

The Illinois Commerce Commission will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 1 to discuss the future of Illinois electric market in the context of the national energy landscape.

The informational meeting will be held in the Commission's main hearing room on the eighth floor of the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago and is open to the public.

This will be the first in a series of policy discussions to conduct a dialog with interested participants about the future of the Illinois electric market and steps the Commission could take to enhance consumer education and protection in the new market environment.

The first meeting will focus on trends and forecasts in energy prices and electricity rates in the United States. The purpose of this meeting is to develop a common knowledge base about the underlying circumstances Illinois consumers will be facing in the foreseeable future. Scheduled presenters include:

- **Howard Gruenspecht**, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration will discuss generation fuel costs and environmental compliance costs.
- **William (Bill) Brier**, Vice President, Policy and Public Affairs, Edison Electric Institute will discuss trends in electric rates across the United States.

Please allow two hours for this meeting.

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